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Tales from the tornado trail

New book. Storm hunter sometimes has to put down his camera to help people in need

Tornado hunter Greg Johnson says his job is split between documenting natural phenomena and helping those whose lives have been impacted by the massive forces of nature that he pursues.

Johnson, who is in his "second home" of Saskatoon for the launch of his new book, *Blown Away: A Year Through the Lens of the Tornado Hunter*, says dealing with tragedy is part of the job.

"A perfect storm for me ... is just off the road where you can get a great look at it, get nice and close, but it doesn't hit any towns or buildings," he said.

"The reality is, though, the further south we go, the population densities increase ... so when a tornado hits, it's almost destined to hit a town or village or somebody's farm.

"You can't drive past

somebody's house that just got destroyed. You end up stopping your vehicle and helping. That's human nature and that's what you're going to do."

Johnson recalled his heart-wrenching experience in Joplin, Mo., which endured one of the worst tornados in six decades in 2011.

"It's something I'll never forget," he said. "It was terrible and we were there early on scene and we were fortunate that we had an opportunity to tell a lot of people's stories."

And what it's like to be near a tornado?

"It's totally about the adrenaline," Johnson said. "It's totally about the excitement, the drama and all the stuff that goes with it. In fact, even as a photographer, so many times I've been in that situation and I've had to pinch myself and go, 'Crap, get your camera, you're supposed to be taking pictures,' because you get so caught up in it."

Johnson will be signing copies of *Blown Away* this Saturday at McNally Robinson starting at 1 p.m.

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Storm chasers keep an eye on some ominous clouds. GREG JOHNSON/CONTRIBUTED

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Trayvon
images not
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While vendors are profiting from Trayvon Martin merchandise, the teen's family has taken action to prevent offensive uses of his image. Watch the video at metronews.ca

Vaccine
itching for
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A new vaccine for poison sumac and poison oak is going to Phase 1 clinical trials later this year. More at metronews.ca

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Kai Beker and her son Aiden, 4, pose in front of the Kinsmen Park carousel, which could be replaced if the park gets an overhaul. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

City's oldest park could get a major makeover

Kinsmen Park. New rides, a skate park and play area are laid out in ambitious plans



Saskatoon's planning and operations committee decided Tuesday it will submit a motion to city council to award Phase 1 of the \$5-million Kinsmen Park project to the Vancouver architecture firm Space2Place Inc.

The project — made possible by a \$5-million sponsorship from Potash Corp.

of Saskatchewan — will see a revamp of Kinsmen Park and the surrounding area, including the Mendel Art Gallery, Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan and the Shearwater Tours dock.

Information from city administration suggests the revamp will also include new rides, a skate park and a centralized play area.

Cary Humphrey, leisure services branch manager with the city, said the overhaul of Kinsmen Park is aimed at attracting more young families to the area.

"The focus of Kinsmen Park has been — for a number of years — a destination for children and families, and that's the theme

we want to continue with," Humphrey said. "We know our city is growing at a fairly fast pace and this is going to be a destination park as more young families move to Saskatoon."

Jeff Cutler, principal with Space2Place Inc., said the firm is thrilled to be part of such a large undertaking.

"We're definitely very excited about it," he said. "It's a really important project and we did the master plan, so it's really important for us to see the project through."

"I think it's going to be a significant amenity for the city — it's one part of the overall revitalization of the downtown."

Kai Beker, who was at

Kinsmen Park on Tuesday with her son Aiden, 4, said it was worth the drive from her home in Stonebridge.

"I heard people say Kinsmen Park is really good and people like to bring their kids here as they have all sorts of things to do and it's open all year long," Beker said.

When asked about the possible revamp, she said, "That would be great. I would come all the way here just for that ... right now I'm renting a place in Stonebridge, so it's quite the drive to come here."

City administration said the entire project will be rolled out in three phases over the next 10 to 15 years.

Shortfall

Budget crunch forces U of S cuts

The University of Saskatchewan will be forced to make budget cuts over the next four years, officials say.

At a town hall on Tuesday, provost Brett Fairbairn said the 2.1 per cent hike in funding the school received was lower than requested, and salary, benefit and pension costs are rising faster than revenue.

U of S also needs capital funding to support teaching and research. Officials are projecting a shortfall of \$12 million to \$15 million in 2012-13 and \$20 million to \$40 million a year until 2016. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Major crime

Woman charged in Black Lake murder

Tristen Carol Spring Charles, 19, of Stanley Mission, is accused of killing David Nilghe, 38, at Black Lake on Saturday, Saskatchewan RCMP said Tuesday. Charles appeared in court Tuesday in Stony Rapids, and will appear again on April 18.

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Cruel Mother Nature

Warm weather on the wane

Environment Canada is forecasting snow for Saskatoon on Friday and Saturday. We are expected to see a high of 19 C on Wednesday, a high of 12 C on Thursday and a high of only 1 C on both Friday and Saturday. On Sunday and Monday, the sun will return and temperatures are expected to rise. METRO

Machete attack. Man charged with attempted murder in three assaults

An 18-year-old man is charged with attempted murder and two counts of aggravated assault after three people were attacked with a machete on March 31.

The suspect was arrested overnight, police said Tuesday morning.

Bobby Hannah appeared in court yesterday afternoon and is remanded until April 12.

The three victims, aged 15, 46 and 51, admitted themselves to St. Paul's Hospital at about 1:30 a.m.

on Saturday as victims of three separate assaults, police said. All were in stable condition.

The assaults occurred in different locations around 21st Street West and Avenue R North, and victims told police they were attacked by a small group of male suspects.

The police investigation is ongoing and officers are asking anyone with information to call 975-8300 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Mental health. Long-awaited national strategy to be unveiled in May

A long-in-the-making national strategy that could revolutionize the country's mental-health system will be unveiled in May, the CEO of the Mental Health Commission of Canada told a small group at a Saskatoon hospital on Tuesday.

"Canada is the only G8 country that doesn't have a national mental-health strategy," Louise Bradley said at the Royal University Hospital. "The second week of May, we are going to have one."

The federal government set up the commission in 2007 with a mandate to "transform" the mental-health system.

The release of the strategy

Making a difference

"This strategy is the best opportunity I've ever seen. If we don't use it, if we don't make a difference through it, then shame on us."

Louise Bradley, CEO, Mental Health Commission of Canada

coincides with Mental Health Week. After a national launch, the commission will go province-to-province to work on implementation, Bradley said. "There's something in there for everybody because priorities in Newfoundland are different than here in Saskatchewan," she said.

The report draws on other work done by the commis-

sion such as treating mental-health problems among the homeless with a housing-first approach.

"The problems are really, really big, there's no doubt about it. We all have a part to play in transforming mental health in Canada," Bradley said. "So the strategy has a role for everybody."

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DNA databank. Saskatchewan family advocates for the missing

When Dylan Koshman, 21, went missing from Edmonton on Oct. 11, 2008, his family, who were back in Saskatchewan, had no idea what happened, nor where he was.

It has been four years since anyone in Koshman's family has seen or talked to Dylan, but they have faith he will still be found.

Now his two aunts, Gaylene Volk and Penny Cummings, are taking their fight to Parliament, by petitioning the federal government to link the already existing National DNA Databank to one for missing persons and unidentified remains.

"Right now every province is on their own. DNA is taken from the next of kin, a family member, of a missing person on a voluntary basis. That DNA is then stored in that province, but it doesn't go across Canada," said Volk.

"So if a person's remains are found in another province, and sometimes even another city, the remains will never be

identified."

Volk and Cummings are gathering signatures to be presented in the House of Commons on May 25th, National Missing Children's Day.

The petition was originally started by Judy Peterson, whose daughter, Lindsey Jill Nicholls, has been missing since Aug. 2, 1993. Peterson has been lobbying to create a national databank for nearly a decade.

Ray Boughen, MP for Palliser, supports the group. On Feb. 1, Boughen presented certified petitions in the House of Commons.

For the May 25th presentation of the petition, Dylan Koshman's mother, Melanie Alix, will travel to Ottawa.

The group is hoping for 10,000 signatures — so far they have 4,000 collected.

"All we are really searching for is peace and closure," said Cummings.

Anyone who wishes to sign the petition can do so online at lindseyslaw.com.

ALEX BOULTIER/METRO REGINA

Contract up. Government offices back off from First Nations healing lodge

Two levels of government are backing away from their involvement with a healing lodge run by the Prince Albert Grand Council.

Saskatchewan Public Safety Minister Yogi Huyghebaert confirms his office did not renew a contract with the council's Spiritual Healing Lodge on the Wahpeton Dakota First Nation.

The minister wouldn't get into specifics, but cites concerns with security, human resources and offender management.

He says his department informed the council about its concerns last fall, but

little progress was made in fixing them.

The healing lodge was created back in 1997 with the Correctional Service of Canada acting as a third-party to the arrangement.

A spokesman with federal department says it, too, has not renewed its contract with the council, but adds a review is underway.

Huyghebaert says the government will look at any future proposals by the council, but for now, provincial inmates will stay in different institutions.

No one from the council was available for comment.

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Legislature rolls up red carpet to go green

Beneath their feet. It will be the third time since 1912 that the carpet is replaced, at a cost of \$60,000

History in the making

• **Journal.** Former lieutenant governor Gordon Barnhart wrote in his book, *Building for the Future: a Photo Journal of Saskatchewan's Legislative Building*, that green carpet was the choice by building architects.

• **Decor.** It was intended to co-ordinate with the marble in the rotunda and the green marble baseboards in the chamber, he said.

• **Mystery.** Barnhart wrote that it was a mystery as to why red carpet was chosen but there is speculation that Walter Scott, the province's first premier, wanted red carpet because it was his Liberal party colour.

Red carpet has been in the Saskatchewan legislature since it opened 100 years ago, but that will change this summer when the assembly goes green.

Speaker Dan D'Autremont said Tuesday that the current version of the red wool carpet, which was installed in 1978, has been patched over the years. But he said it's worn out and needs to be replaced.

"As an MLA sitting in here, when you leave at the end of the day your pant legs are all red from the fibres that have come up from the carpet," said D'Autremont.

Legislature staff have also had to take steps to hide holes on budget or throne speech day.

"The staff actually take red felt markers out and paint in all the white spots that show up, where the steps have been worn. And so it looks good when you get everybody in here because they don't notice that the carpet's completely worn right through to the underlay because it's all painted over," he

said. "That wears off quickly."

Red carpet is usually reserved for the Senate or the House of Lords in Britain.

Green is the colour of the governing Saskatchewan Party and it's one of the colours for the CFL Saskatchewan Roughriders football team.

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Speaker Dan D'Autremont points to worn carpet in the Saskatchewan legislature in Regina on Tuesday. Red carpet has been in the Saskatchewan legislature since it opened 100 years ago, but that will change this summer when the assembly goes green. JENNIFER GRAHAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gambling revenue

SaskGaming rakes in \$51.7M

The provincial gambling corporation brought in more than \$50 million in income before transfers last year.

SaskGaming's annual report, tabled in the Saskatchewan legislature by Minister Ken Cheveldayoff Tuesday,

showed the Crown corporation's income at \$51.7 million for 2011. Of that total, \$25.9 million was transferred to the province's general revenue fund, and \$20.7 million was earmarked for the provincial Crown Investment Corporation.

Cheveldayoff said the gambling business made a significant contribution to the province's economy.

"The money it provides

to the general revenue fund, as well as the more than \$759,000 it gives to worthy community groups and organizations in 2011, helps shape our province's bright future," Cheveldayoff said, in a release.

According to the province, 50 per cent of SaskGaming's profits go to general revenue before being distributed to the community initiatives fund, First Nations trust and the Clarence Campeau develop-

ment fund. Since 1996, SaskGaming has contributed more than \$400 million to general revenue.

SaskGaming president Twyla Meredith said she was proud of the corporation's performance. "We have laid the foundation for initiatives that are paying off for SaskGaming and the communities we serve," Meredith's statement read.

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A shooting occurred Monday night near the grounds of Pleasant Hill Elementary. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Two injured in Pleasant Hill Park shooting

Suspects sought.
17-year-old victim is recovering in hospital



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Police are searching for suspects responsible for shooting two people in Pleasant Hill Park at about 10:40 p.m. Monday.

Two men accosted a group of people walking in the school grounds and one of them fired

a round during the confrontation, hitting two people, police said.

A 22-year-old man, who had minor injuries, refused medical treatment and 17-year-old boy is recovering in hospital.

Justin Friesien, who lives across from the park, said he heard the shot while he was watching television.

"I was sitting on my living room couch, and all of a sudden I hear 'Pow!' really loud and I ducked down," he said.

Soon afterwards, police with flashlights and dogs were searching the park, he said.

Neighbours Lisa Robinson and Tyler Denton both said they were concerned about recent violence in the area of St. Paul's Hospital, Pleasant Hill School and the park.

"Kids play in this park at late at night, so that's pretty scary," said Robinson.

The suspects are described as male, in their late teens to early 20s, and wearing dark clothing.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Saskatoon Police Service at 975-8300 or Saskatoon Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Prince Albert jails lock up upgrade cash

The provincial government is allocating \$12.6 million to upgrade two correctional facilities in Prince Albert.

The funding — part of the Saskatchewan Party's recent \$47.5 million surplus budget — will go to expansions at the Prince Albert Provincial Correctional Facility and the Pine Grove Correctional Centre.

The Prince Albert institution is embarking on a three-year, \$24-million project to build a two-storey expansion with room for 144 beds. Funding in the 2012-2013 fiscal year comes in at \$3 million.

Pine Grove will receive \$9.6 million to build a 30-cell "living unit." The project is expected to take two years, with total funding of \$12 million.

Both expansions will feature double-bunking, meaning two offenders will share a cell.

"Overcrowding conditions combined with aging physical structures and outdated design has the potential to compromise ... safety objectives," said Corrections, Public Safety and Policing Minister Yogi Huyghebaert in a release.

ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

Construction begins at Diefenbaker airport

Construction to expand Saskatoon's John G. Diefenbaker Airport officially kicked off Tuesday and administration say the work shouldn't affect the public.

"The goal is to add significant space to the post-security side of the airport, so in essence we're tripling the size of the hold room area that people currently experience," said Maxine Montgomery, manager of customer and terminal services.

"We're adding lots of retail services, food and beverage services, additional bridges and ground load positions."

She said other than some instances of ground-loading at

peak times during the day, the construction — happening in two phases over the next 30 months — would not have an impact on those departing or arriving from the airport.

"At peak times of the day, we'll probably be a little more cramped than we are right now in the upstairs hold room, because we are losing some of our downstairs space, but for the most part, people won't see any difference in the public side of the terminal right now."

Overall, the expansion will increase the airport's capacity from 1.4 million to 2 million people. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Japanese company

Hitachi moves Canadian headquarters to Saskatoon

Hitachi Ltd. is centralizing its Canadian headquarters in Saskatoon, where the company has a manufacturing facility.

The Japanese company says it will integrate its operations in Calgary and Mississauga with Saskatoon to establish Hitachi Power Systems Canada Ltd.

Hitachi says the move aims to strengthen its power systems business in Canada, speed up decision-making and improve management efficiency.

The new president will be based in Saskatoon, but there are no immediate plans to transfer jobs from other locations.

Hitachi has been providing power generation equipment to SaskPower since 1970. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fatal accident

Man jailed for impaired driving collision

A Saskatchewan man has been sentenced to federal jail time after pleading guilty to impaired driving in the death of an Alberta truck driver.

Darcy Earl Lemaigre also pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while disqualified and taking a vehicle without consent.

Lemaigre was driving a vehicle in January that struck and killed Linda Tremblay on Highway 881 south of Fort McMurray.

Tremblay, 49, was outside her vehicle trying to direct traffic around a transport truck when she was killed. Lemaigre was sentenced to four and a half years in prison.

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Seized. Bear cub taken to zoo while fate decided

Conservation officials have seized a black bear cub rescued and taken home last month by a man in southern Manitoba.

Makoon, who has become a bit of a celebrity in southern Manitoba, is biding his time at the Assiniboine Park Zoo in Winnipeg while government officials try to find him a new home in Ontario.

"I feel like crying," Rene Dubois said Tuesday afternoon, after a conservation officer and a biologist came to his house in St. Malo and loaded the cub up in a cage.

Dubois, 63, said he was told he can't visit the bear at the zoo but was given a phone number to call so he could

check on his condition.

Dubois said it was a heart-wrenching goodbye that he wasn't prepared for, but he's glad the cub is going to a place where he'll be well taken care of.

"At least he'll have a chance," Dubois said.

The retired construction worker found the bear March 25 starving in a ditch along the highway outside St. Malo, a community about 70 kilometres south of Winnipeg.

He and his wife have been nursing him back to health, feeding him honey, fruit and milk and formula from a baby bottle.

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Bear cub Makoon takes a closer look at baby RayAnne at the Dubois home in St. Malo, Man., last month. CONTRIBUTED/RACHEL WALFORD

Stafford case. Autopsy unable to determine rape

WARNING: Graphic details from this court case may disturb some readers.

By the time Victoria Stafford's body was found — clad only in butterfly earrings and her Hannah Montana T-shirt with the words "a girl can dream" — it was so badly decomposed that it was impossible to tell if she had been sexually assaulted, court in London, Ont., heard Tuesday.

What is clear is that the eight-year-old died from at least four hammer blows to her head, and 16 of her ribs were broken or fractured, Dr. Michael Pollanen, Ontario's chief forensic pathologist, testified.

The slide show detailing the girl's autopsy was shown in court as part of testimony at the trial of Michael Rafferty.

Tori's mother, Tara McDonald, cried while the photos were on courtroom screens while her father, Rodney Stafford, left the room.

The Crown alleges Rafferty, 31, sexually assaulted Tori before killing her, but Pollanen said that cannot be determined through the pathology.

The body was in a moderately advanced stage of decomposition, to the point where some parts had al-



Victoria (Tori) Stafford
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ready become skeletonized, he testified. When she was found 103 days after she went missing, Tori's remains were unrecognizable, and had to be identified through dental records.

Her body had been wrapped in garbage bags and buried under a pile of rocks, forming "a sort of clandestine grave," Pollanen said.

She was lying in the fetal position on her right side with rocks as heavy as 50 kilograms on top of her, court heard.

Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

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Transgender model calls on Trump to fight discrimination

Unclear. Miss Universe Canada contestant who was once a man says details surrounding her re-entry into competition muddled

KATE WEBB
Metro in Vancouver

Embattled transgender beauty Jenna Talackova says the decision to allow her to compete in the Miss Universe Canada pageant is only skin-deep.

In a statement issued late Monday, the organization seemingly reversed its earlier decision to disqualify the 23-year-old Vancouver model from the competition, "provided she meets the legal gender recognition requirements of Canada, and the standards established by other international competitions."

Talackova was disqualified on March 23 on the grounds that she did not meet the pageant requirement that a contestant be a "natural born" female — a rule her lawyer, Gloria Allred, called



Jenna Talackova, right, who was recently forced out of the Miss Universe Canada competition, appears with her attorney, Gloria Allred, at a news conference in Los Angeles on Tuesday. REED SAXON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"blatant discrimination" at a Los Angeles news conference on Tuesday. Talackova called on Miss Universe owner and real estate mogul Donald Trump to be a leader in the fight against discrimination.

"I also want Mr. Trump to clearly state that this rule will be eliminated, because I do not want any other woman to suffer the discrimination that I have to endure," Talackova said.

She said she is still not sure where she stands with

the pageant.

"I wish Mr. Trump would just say in plain words whether or not I will be allowed to compete, and if I win whether I will be allowed to represent Canada in the Miss Universe competition," she said.

The six-foot-one blond has said she knew she was a female at the age of four.

She began hormone therapy at 14 and surgically changed her gender a few years ago when she was 19.

Free my grapes

Wine lovers hope to quash 1928 law

"Free my grapes" was the rallying cry on Parliament Hill on Tuesday as a committee heard from supporters of a private member's bill seeking to erase a 1928 rule that restricts people from bringing wine across provincial borders.

Shirley-Ann George ran into that problem when she was visiting B.C. and then tried to join a wine club through a vineyard there, only to be told the vineyard couldn't ship to her home in Ontario. She decided to start up the Alliance of Canadian Wine Consumers to try to change it.

"You've got to be kidding," is the most common refrain from people first learning about the rule, George said in an interview.

Bill C-311, which would amend the Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act, was introduced in the House of Commons last fall by B.C. Tory MP Dan Albas.

While Albas doesn't drink, he said the issue came up frequently during the 2011 election campaign.

The law as written is akin to saying to carmakers in Ontario that they can make their cars there but can't ship them to B.C., Albas said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Auditor General

Jet fighter funds under fire

The Conservative government froze spending Tuesday on the multibillion-dollar plan to buy new jet fighters minutes after the auditor general produced a withering report accusing the Department of National Defence of keeping Parliament in the dark about spiralling problems with the F-35 purchase.

The government also announced it would take away DND's ability to buy new weapons systems and hand it to Public Works — all in an effort to shield itself from the ensuing assault in the House of Commons that followed the release of the report by new auditor general Michael Ferguson.

The Defence Department faced wide-ranging scorn over its management of the plan to buy 65 new F-35 radar-evading stealth fighters for what the military initially insisted would cost \$9 billion.

The cost of the purchase is already the largest single purchase of military hardware in Canadian history and is likely to increase, Ferguson said.

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Quebec inferno claims two lives

Firefighters work on three buildings that caught fire early Tuesday in the Beauport suburb of Quebec City. The fire claimed at least two lives and destroyed three buildings. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Think your average sugar daddy is more like a grandpa? Think again, says dating website CEO Brandon Wade.

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Saskatoon's numbers

The study shows Saskatoon places 12th.

- In Saskatoon, 1.18 in every 2,000 men is a sugar daddy.

- Locally, 43.8 per cent are married, slightly higher than the national average.

- Their average income is \$169,532.

- Their net worth is about \$2.1 million.

- A Saskatoon sugar daddy spends \$2,211 a month on his sugar baby.

Pakistan. Anti-American feelings complicate Afghan exit strategy

U.S. diplomatic efforts to persuade Pakistan to reopen NATO supply lines to the Afghan war are proving no match for rampant anti-Americanism there, with Pakistani lawmakers increasingly unwilling to support a decision that risks them being branded as friends of Washington.

Opposition legislators are demanding that the U.S. end its drone strikes against militants as a precondition, complicating U.S. strategies for winding down the 10-year war just weeks before a major NATO conference in President Barack Obama's hometown of Chicago.

Relations between the U.S. and Pakistan have been marked by mistrust since the two countries were thrust together following the Sept. 11 attacks, but shared interests — near-bankrupt Pakistan needs American aid, America needs Pakistan's support against al-Qaida — had kept the alliance intact.

That changed in November when U.S. airstrikes inadvertently killed 24 Pak-

Timeline

- **Sept. 2001:** The U.S. turns to Pakistan for help with al-Qaida following 9/11
- **Nov. 2011:** U.S. airstrikes kill 24 Pakistani troops
- **March 2012:** Pakistan's parliament calls for end to U.S. drone attacks
- **April 2012:** The U.S. announces an award for information on militant Hafiz Mohammad Saeed, who may have support of the Pakistani military

istani troops on the Afghan border, triggering nationwide outrage and retaliation from Pakistan, which suspended diplomatic contacts and blocked vital land routes for U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan.

Since then, hardline Islamist and banned militant groups have staged large rallies around the country against any move to reopen the supply lines.

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Troops returning to bases: Syria

Ceasefire. Activists refute government reports of early pullout ahead of truce

Syrian troops began pulling out Tuesday from some calm cities and headed back to their bases a week ahead of a deadline to implement an international ceasefire plan, a government official said.

The claim could not immediately be verified and activists near the capital Damascus denied troops were leaving their area. They said the day regime forces withdraw from streets, Syria will witness massive protests that will overthrow the government.

"Forces began withdrawing to outside calm cities and are returning to their bases, while in tense areas, they are pulling out to the outskirts," the government official said in Damascus without saying when the withdrawal began. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Toronto crowned 'sugar daddy' capital of Canada

Five-year study.

Saskatoon places 12th in number of 'sugar daddies' per capita, just ahead of Regina

DELIA MACPHERSON
For Metro in Toronto

Looking for someone to take you out on the town? Fly you around the world and pamper you to your heart's desire? Your best chance of finding that is in Toronto.

A recent five-year study shows that Toronto has the highest number of "sugar daddies" per capita in Canada. Calgary came in second, according to the study, while Vancouver placed third.

Seekingarrangement.com, an online dating site that pairs wealthy men with women interested in dating them, conducted the

study with data from the Canadian census.

So what is a "sugar daddy?" The Oxford English Dictionary defines it as "a rich older man who lavishes gifts on a young woman in return for her company or sexual favours."

But Brandon Wade, founder and CEO of the website behind the study, says the negative stereotypes surrounding sugar daddies aren't true.

"If you look at the stats, sugar daddies are in their late 30s, early 40s," Wade says.

"Despite the stereotype, the 'real' sugar daddy is much younger, very generous and wealthy."

Wade claims women want to be spoiled and pampered. Using a site like his is a way for them to weed out the unemployed, lazy men from the wealthy and successful men out there.

And wealthy they are. Wade says the average sugar daddy is worth between \$4

How many are married?

38.9

The percentage of Canadian sugar daddies who are married. Brandon Wade says married sugar daddies are often in a sexless marriage and the financial ramifications of a divorce make for a sticky situation. Most wives have no idea their husband is a sugar daddy.

million and \$5 million, with an annual income of about \$200,000.

Women are lining up for a sugar daddy, with 10 women for every one daddy.

"People might ask, 'Doesn't he just want sex?' All men at the end of the day want sex," Wade says.

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Market blaze

Moscow migrants killed in fire

A blaze Tuesday at a Moscow market killed 17 migrant workers who were unable to escape from the metal shed where they were sleeping, the city fire department said.

All were citizens of former Soviet nations in Central Asia. Several million migrants from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan have come to Moscow in search of work. Many have found jobs in construction or at the city's sprawling markets.

Officials said the fire that broke out at the Kachalovsky market at 5 a.m. Tuesday tore through an insulated metal shed where the workers slept on bunk beds. The roof collapsed during the blaze, which burned for more than two hours, he said.

Investigators were still determining the cause of the fire, but said they suspected it may have started with electric space heaters.

About 12,000 people died last year in fires across the country.

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Syrians wave flags and chant slogans at a protest against President Bashar Assad in a neighbourhood of Damascus, Syria on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Bashar Assad agreed just days ago to an April 10 deadline to implement international envoy Kofi Annan's truce plan. It requires

regime forces to withdraw from cities and observe a ceasefire. Rebel fighters are to immediately follow by ceasing violence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gunman was taunted before shooting spree: Police



Lydia Sim, pictured with her brother Daniel, was among the seven killed during Monday's shooting in Oakland. DANIEL LIM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A nursing student expelled from a small Christian university and upset about being teased over his poor English skills opened fire at the school, going from room to room in a rampage that left six students and a secretary dead, police said Tuesday.

One L. Goh, 43, forced the secretary into a classroom at Oikos University in Oakland on Monday, told people to line up and, when some didn't cooperate, began his shooting spree, police Chief Howard Jordan said.

"It's very, very sad," Jordan said. "We have seven people who didn't deserve to die and three others wounded because (of) someone who couldn't deal with the pressures of life."

Goh, a South Korea native

who became a U.S. citizen, was expelled in January for behavioural problems from the small private school of fewer than 100 students, Jordan said. The chief said Goh had anger management issues with other students.

Jordan said Goh appeared to have been planning the attack for several weeks.

Goh was upset with administrators and several students at the college, which an official said offered classes in Korean and English and was founded to help Korean immigrants adjust to a new country and find careers in nursing and ministry.

"They disrespected him, laughed at him," Jordan said. "They made fun of his lack of English speaking skills. It made him feel isolated compared to

the other students."

Jordan said Goh tried to find a female administrator Monday and began shooting when he learned she wasn't there. The victims, who range in age from 21 to 40, were from various countries, including Nigeria, Nepal and the Philippines.

Goh was being held without bail Tuesday after being booked on suspicion of murder, attempted murder, kidnapping and carjacking, according to sheriff's Sgt. J.D. Nelson, who said the suspect likely would make his first court appearance Wednesday.

Police were still looking for the gun used, which Jordan described as a semiautomatic handgun that was purchased legally.

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The victims

Authorities have not released identities of the seven people killed in Monday's shooting.

- School secretary Kathleen Ping is believed to be among the first victims in the shooting, according to her family. Ping's father said she had been working at Oikos for less than a year and had come to the U.S. from the Philippines in 2007.
- The three surviving victims were all released from Highland Hospital Monday night, according to hospital officials.

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Thousands of kilometres from the ocean, a museum tells the story of a woman made famous by the Titanic. No, her name was not Rose. A movie about her life, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, starring Debbie Reynolds as a plucky lifeboat survivor, was a hit decades before Kate Winslet's doomed romance in *Titanic*.

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1 April 15, 2012: The centennial

This undated file photo provided by Titanic Museum Attractions shows the exterior of a half-scale replica of the Titanic cruise ship in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

The attraction in Pigeon Forge and another in Branson, Mo., are marking the April 15, 2012 centennial of the Titanic sinking by sponsoring a Coast Guard cutter to take 1.5 million rose petals to the North Atlantic site where the ship went down.

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Are you ready to venture aboard the Titanic?

A hundred years ago, the sinking of the Titanic was a tragic disaster. Today, it's fodder for an entertaining outing with the kids.

There are replica ships in Tennessee and Missouri, graveyard tours in New York and Nova Scotia, travelling exhibits from Las Vegas to Atlanta, and two brand new museums in

Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Southampton, England. Hotels and restaurants are serving Titanic dinners, and ships are even heading to the disaster site — including an anniversary cruise that slashed prices last-minute from nearly \$5,000 to \$1,000.

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2 Margaret, no one called her Molly

Janet Kalstrom, a retired banking project manager who's been the museum's Molly Brown impersonator for six years, is pictured in the living room at the Molly Brown House Museum.

A few blocks from Colorado's state Capitol, more than 1,700 miles from the Atlantic Ocean and a mile above sea level, is a museum dedicated to a woman eclipsed by legend following the sinking of the Titanic. The "unsinkable Molly Brown" moved into this stone Victorian home after she and her husband struck it rich at a gold mine in Colorado's mountains, nearly 20 years before she boarded the Titanic because it was the first boat she could board to get back home to visit her ailing grandson. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



3 Halifax played central role

This undated file photo provided by Destination Halifax shows the Unknown Child gravestone at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery, in Halifax, where 121 Titanic victims are buried.

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4 A travelling woman she was

This photograph on display at the Molly Brown Museum shows Mrs. J.J. Molly Brown presenting a trophy cup award to Capt. Arthur Henry Rostron for his service in the rescue of the passengers on Titanic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bankers call for moratorium on proposed reforms

Finance. Policy-makers should not overburden banks with regulations that could stifle growth: CBA president

Canada's bankers want to apply the brakes on sweeping new regulations being forced on them as a result of the 2008 financial collapse, possibly putting them on a collision course with the government and the Bank of Canada.

Canadian Bankers Association president Terry Campbell surprised a luncheon of policy-makers and industry executives Tuesday with a call for Ottawa to call a pause button on future reforms.

"We are facing the biggest regulatory implementation exercise the Canadian bank-

Managing the market

- CBA president Terry Campbell said the danger is that regulators may prevent banks from offering new, legitimate services.
- He also said regulations are so complex and require so many resources for compliance that they could drive smaller financial institutions out of the market, resulting in less competition.

ing industry has ever undergone, and it is not done yet," he said.

"I think it would be useful for the federal government to hit the 'pause' button."

Commons finance committee chair James Rajotte, a Conservative MP from Alberta,

seemed surprised by the appeal, but said afterwards if bankers have concerns, "we will certainly listen."

The proposal puts the private sector banks potentially in conflict with Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney, who as head of the Swiss-based Financial Stability Board has been a leading proponent of the reform process and has had little patience with what he has called "back-sliding."

In recent interviews, Carney has said policy-makers are open to working with stakeholders about the end game of reforms, but appeared to dismiss notions of halting the process.

He insisted Canada's banking community is not opposed to stiffer regulations, including more capital requirements, that have already been approved.

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Market Minute



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Dow Jones: 13,199.55 (-64.94)

Brewery bought

Molson Coors acquires StarBev

Molson Coors Brewing Company is looking to offset declining North American beer demand by acquiring leading Central and Eastern European beer maker StarBev for \$3.5 billion US.

The deal will add nine breweries and 4,100 employees in several countries to Molson Coors.

StarBev will give Molson Coors access to the increasingly healthy Eastern European beer market, said Molson Coors CEO Peter Swinburn.

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Stock plummets

RIM shares down on lawsuit news

Shares in Research In Motion were down almost 10 per cent Tuesday amid news that BlackBerry maker is being sued by a Dutch chipmaker for alleged patent infringement involving some of its smartphones.

RIM's stock closed at \$12.88, down \$1.37, or 9.6 per cent, on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Dutch semi-conductor company NXP confirmed that it's suing RIM for allegedly infringing on six patents by selling certain smartphone models.

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No longer heir apparent

James Murdoch gestures as he leaves his father Rupert Murdoch's residence in central London last July. Murdoch, 39, stepped down Tuesday as chairman of British Sky Broadcasting, surrendering one of the biggest jobs in the Murdoch media empire. Murdoch's credibility has come under question due to the phone-hacking scandal at the now-defunct News of the World tabloid. SANG TAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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The end is near.

Now that I've got your attention, it's more like a near-miss.

On April 1, an asteroid the size of a 747 missed slamming into Earth at roughly 48,000

km/h when it zipped between the Earth and the moon, the cosmic equivalent of a hair's breadth.

Even though it happened on April Fool's Day, I'm not foolin'.

And as I write, there's another one coming.

If you're reading this, we've dodged a bullet called 2012 FA57, which was scheduled to fly past the neighbourhood just beyond the orbit of the moon ... today.

It turns out these giant space rocks are whizzing around our heads all the time. The April Fool asteroid followed in the wake

of one the size of a school bus and another the size of a car last week. They may be relatively small, but their size makes them no less scary.

According to Marshall Brain of HowStuffWorks, if an asteroid the size of a house crashed into the planet, it would have the energy of a bomb equivalent to the nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima. A 747-sized rock

is bigger than a house and would have the impact of a much, much larger H-bomb.

Grim news. And you have to believe stuff that comes from a guy named Marshall Brain.

These so-called little shots are tricky, precisely because they are small enough to elude detection until it's too late to do anything about them. But they are nothing compared to the threat of Apophis, which is scheduled to narrowly miss Earth on — get this — Friday the 13th, 2029. Apophis is named after the Egyptian god of darkness and chaos, one bad dude. A direct hit would unleash the energy of 65,000 nukes, according to NASA.

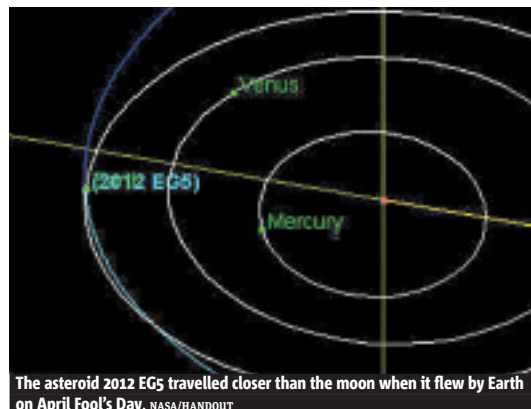
And if it misses on Friday the 13th, 2029, it gets another chance exactly seven years later on a Friday the 13th, 2036!

So the end could indeed be near. Admittedly, it's a long shot, but at one in 48,000 it's still greater than your chance of getting killed in a plane crash, which is one in 355,000.

Fortunately, there a stalwart band of scientists at NASA's Near-Earth Object Program who do nothing but watch the skies. They can see Apophis coming a long way off because it's 320 metres across. But they didn't discover the one that just missed until March 13, which is too late, baby. It will take two years to mount an effort to discourage an asteroid from burying its head into the bosom of Mother Earth.

So, that guy in the cartoon with "Repent! The End is Near!" sign and the haunted look? He's not so far off the beam.

Good thing you've led a blameless life to date, so there's nothing to worry about.



Mom, not in front of everyone!



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Say hi

Polar bear cub makes world debut

WUPPERTAL, GERMANY. She may be less than three months old but in Germany this polar bear cub is already a big celebrity. This is Anori — pictured with her mother Vilma — who has just made her first public appearance. The little bear seemed completely at ease in her outdoor pen, despite onlookers and flashing cameras. **METRO**

Time to shine

In her, they see brother Knut

CELEBRITY. What makes this polar bear so famous? Anori shares a father with Knut, a cub that won the world's affection after his mother rejected him as a baby and he was raised by zookeepers. Such was Knut's acclaim that he even starred in his own film, *Knut & Friends*, which went on to win rave reviews worldwide. **METRO**



Anori the polar bear

Disappearing act

25,000

polar bears are left in the world, according to conservation group Polar Bears International.

The disappearance of sea ice has forced polar bears away from their usual feeding grounds. The Arctic summer sea ice will vanish by 2030, experts claim.



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The Rolling Stones with Mick Jagger, left, Ronnie Wood, Charlie Watts and Keith Richards on April 2, 2008 in London, England GARETH CATTERMOLE/GETTY IMAGES

Why we love the Stones

The beat goes on. This month marks the golden jubilee of the world's greatest rock 'n' roll band

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As many wonder how Keith Richards has even lived this long, we give you 25 reasons to love the Stones, the band that's existed for half a century.

1. Jagger/Richards: It really all comes down to this: It's an artistic tug-of-war between words (Mick) and music (Keith), sex (Mick) and drugs (Keith), and every negative/positive charge that this songwriting partnership represents.

2. Brian Jones: By all accounts Jones founded and named the band, though the role of the second guitarist and multi-instrumentalist diminished progressively as he got more into drugs and less into fame. Mick and Keith fired him in June of 1969 and a month later he was found dead at the bottom of his swimming pool, only adding to the dark, mysterious aura of the Stones.

3. Charlie Watts: The drummer with the stoic face has not only been keeping the beat for the band for 50 years, but he has reportedly been keep-

ing the faith with his wife of 47 years. Only after seeing the multiple dirty documentaries of the Stones' 1970s tours, does one realize how amazing this accomplishment is.

4. Mick Taylor: The guitarist joined the band at age 20 in 1969 and was only a Rolling Stone for five years and six albums, a period which was arguably the band's best.

5. Ronnie Wood: After serving as Rod Stewart's foil in The Faces, he replaced Taylor in 1975. He is the longest-reigning second guitarist, and the guitarist who looks the second-best with a guitar hanging on his bottom lip.

6. Bill Wyman: No, he was never smiling when the camera zoomed in on him in the videos, but there's something so weirdly likable about Wyman as the bassist.

7. Darryl Jones: Jones came on the scene almost 20 years ago (!) Yes, it's been that long since Bill Wyman left the band.

8. Anybody else who has ever played with the band: The Stones knew how to bring in guests, from the London Bach Choir on *You Can't Always Get What You Want* to Merry Clayton's killer singing on *Gimme Shelter* to sax man Bobby Keys on *Exile on Main Street* to the frequent keyboard guest spots by Billy Preston, Nicky Hopkins and Ian Stewart.

9. The name: No, it didn't come from Dylan's *Like a Rolling Stone*, although the guys did record that song in the '90s. It came from Muddy Waters' 1950 song, *Rollin' Stone*.

10. The logo: Whether or not it's based on Mick's mouth doesn't matter. It's red and juicy and it has absolutely nothing to do with a stone that's rolling, but it has everything to do with rock 'n' roll.

11. Andrew Loog Oldham: If it weren't for the Stones' manager and producer in the early years, the Stones might have stayed a relatively clean cut wannabe Beatles act.

12. (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction: Keef historically recorded this guitar figure before passing out, and went back to listen the next day and amongst the documents of his snoring, heard this amazing elementary riff.

13. The comma in the title, *Paint It, Black*

14. Ruby Tuesday: Try to forget that it's the name of an American chain restaurant and listen to the song like it's the first time you've ever heard it.

Reasons to love the Stones

#15
Mick's dancing.

Holy amazingness! That buzzing cello, that bassy tuba, the beautiful recorder, the deep low notes that Mick hits in the verses!

16. Mick's crazy voices: Mick pretends he's a sweaty redneck for the first two minutes of *Let it Bleed*, a fallen southern gentleman in *Dead Flowers* and in *Emotional Rescue* he's both a falsetto-singing loverman as well as a musky knight in shining ahhhhh-mour.

17. Beatle-baiting: Though the Fab four never really fought back, the Stones had the audacity to title their album *Let it Bleed* when they knew The Beatles were working on *Let it Be*.

18. Speaking of *Let it Bleed*: That album is so classic that it's like a Best-Of album that came out all at once. It begins with *Gimme Shelter* and closes with *You Can't Always Get What You Want*. Well, with the album with the cake on the cover, sometimes you actually can.

19. The people who choose *The Stones* in the Beatles vs. Stones debate are usually more fun to hang out with.

20. Disco! What other group could not only decide to try a trendy new style of music 16 years into their career but perfect it? Granted everybody from Kiss to the Grateful Dead was trying disco in the mid '70s, but no other rock group

were such chameleons to make it their own with enduring tunes like *Miss You* and *Emotional Rescue*. (see Mick's crazy voices, at No. 16.)

21. Bomp bomp bomp bomp boom boom: If you don't know what we're talking about, you need to revisit 4:54 of *Sympathy for the Devil*.

22. Anita Pallenberg: She came into the Stones zone as Jones' girlfriend, but when the group was travelling through Europe and Jones had to spend a little time in the hospital with pneumonia, she all of a sudden became Richards' girlfriend. As he writes so eloquently on page 215 of his autobiography, "For a week or so it's boinky boinky boinky, down in the Kasbah, and we're randy as rabbits but we're also wondering how we're going to deal with it."

23. The *Sticky Fingers* zipper: Sure, it ruins some of your other albums if you're a vinyl collector, but Andy Warhol's design sure is cool, and if you look closely, sexy.

24. Who the f--- is Mick Jagger?: An iconic Keith photo. Google it.

25. It's allright now.

WE ACTUALLY CAME UP WITH MORE REASONS TO LOVE THE STONES. YOU CAN READ THE COMPLETE LIST AND WATCH SOME VIDEOS OF THE BAND AT METRONews.ca/features



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Scene in brief

More downward-facing dogs for Alec Baldwin?

Alec Baldwin is giving marriage another shot. The actor popped the question over the weekend to his 28-year-old yoga instructor girlfriend, Hilaria Thomas, whom he started dating last year. His publicist Matthew Hiltzik made the engagement announcement over Twitter. Baldwin, who once starred in a film called *The Marrying Man*, turns 54 on Tuesday and an engagement, says Hiltzik, is a "great way to celebrate!"

Baldwin was previously married to Kim Basinger.

They have a daughter together named Ireland. He published a book in 2008 called *A Promise to Ourselves* about his personal experience dealing with divorce and his battle with Basinger over custody of their daughter.

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On the web



Luck creative duo defend safety of racing drama halted after three horse deaths; a 'bitter' end

A century-long Titanic obsession



Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, in a scene from the 3D version of *The Titanic*. PARAMOUNT PICTURES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unsinkable fascination.

Filmmakers have been inspired by the 'ship of dreams' ever since she went to her watery grave



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As the 100th anniversary of the ill-fated maiden voyage of the *Titanic* approaches, there are no shortages of cinematic ways to pay tribute to one of the most famous disasters of the 20th century. This weekend, James Cameron's *Titanic* sets sail again in theatres, this voyage in 3D. The story of Jack and Rose and their unsinkable love may be the best known of all the big boat movies, but it isn't the only one.

The first films about the sinking were made within a year of the event; 1912 saw three 10-minute films released to quench audience's

Propaganda film

Nazis also cashed in on the *Titanic*

Even Hitler had a hand in making a *Titanic* film. 1943's *S.O.S. Titanic* was a

propaganda film suggesting British incompetence was to blame for the disaster.

As water funnels into the ship, Captain Smith says, "See if you can find any German people on board. They'll know how to save the ship."

thirst for *Titanic* news. The most famous of the movies featured an actual *Titanic* survivor.

Saved from the *Titanic* starred Dorothy Gibson, an actress who was also a first class passenger on the ship. Premiering on May 14, 1912, (just 29 days after the *Titanic* sank) the movie has Ms. Gibson recalling her experiences as a passenger, while wearing the same dress she had worn when the ship went down.

Cut to 1929. British International Pictures was forced to release their epic film on the *Titanic* under the name *The Atlantic* when White Star Line threatened legal action. Seems the *Titanic*'s owner was actively trying to dissuade producers from

cashing in on the *Titanic* disaster.

The next mention of the doomed ship on film came in 1933 in the best picture winner *Cavalcade*. In its most famous scene, newlyweds embark on their honeymoon cruise. Standing on the deck they discuss their plans as the ship pulls out of dock. Soon it's revealed they're standing in front of a life preserver embossed with the name *Titanic*.

Best of the bunch are *Titanic*, an all-star docu-drama headlined by Barbara Stanwyck and Robert Wagner, that debuted on April 14, 1953, exactly 41 years after the disaster and *A Night to Remember*, which is still regarded as the most accurate of all the *Titanic* films.

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Russell Brand gives up rights of home to Katy Perry



Russell Brand ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Russell Brand was apparently serious when he said he didn't want anything from Katy Perry in their divorce, as the British comedian has reportedly given Perry all the rights to the \$6.5 million Hollywood Hills home they purchased while married, according to TMZ.

"It's all part of the prop-

erty settlement agreed between Russell and Katy," a source says of their divorce proceedings.

Perry and Brand snatched up the eight-bedroom, nine-bathroom home six months before Brand filed for divorce.

They had not signed a prenuptial agreement.



Ashton Kutcher

Ashton Kutcher buys house before Bieber can

Ashton Kutcher has been enjoying his rented Hollywood Hills bachelor pad so much that he decided to buy it, according to TMZ.

So what spurred on the sudden decision?

Competition from Justin Bieber, who was reportedly eyeing the \$10.8 million

property.

"I had to buy the house because I thought he was going to buy it out from under me," Ashton jokes during an interview with Jimmy Kimmel.

"I was like, 'I don't want to lose this house.' He forced me to buy a house."

Lohan looking to move on from probation



Lindsay Lohan

With her formal probation behind her, Lindsay Lohan is looking to move on with her life, and to that end she's reportedly sworn off dating to focus on her acting career, according to TMZ.

"Lindsay wants to devote all her spare time to reading the script and getting Liz's persona down pat rather than focus on a new relationship," a source says of Lohan, who's set to star in an Elizabeth Taylor biopic.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Levi's Johnson does it again



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Levi Johnston, a high-school drop out who is famous for knocking up someone kind of famous from an infamous political family, is using his super sperm to get back into the news cycle.

It was announced yesterday that the 21-year-old is expecting a baby with

his Wasilla, Alaska school teacher girlfriend, Sunny Oglesby, 20.

TMZ.com reports that Oglesby is only around three-months pregnant and that Johnston is "so excited" about having a new baby out of wedlock.

This is most likely because Bristol Palin (along with her mom and dad) haven't been too accommodating about seeing his son Tripp.

I know Alaska is remote, but if Sarah Palin could see Russia from her house, how hard could it be for Johnston to spot a stack of Trojans at the Rite Aid?

Twitter



@ActuallyNPH

I wanna give my 3 millionth (!) follower something cool. How would one quantify that? Is there some sort of log?



@chriscolfer

When I cook it's pretty dangerous...



@Oprah

Anyone tried meditation? Keeps the peace inside yourself.



@SarahKSilverman

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Rihanna

Rihanna looks to play Whitney Houston in biopic

Rihanna has her sights set on the role of a lifetime: playing Whitney Houston in a biopic about the late singer.

"That would be something that I would have to give my entire life to do, because I would really want to pull it off," she tells the Press Association. "My first song that I remember falling in love with was a Whitney Houston song: I Will Always Love You.

It was really inspiring, and it made me develop a passion for music, so really, she's partly responsible for me being here in this industry."

Of course, first there needs to be a movie to star in, and while producer Clive Davis was reportedly putting one together, his rep has shot down that rumor, saying, "There is no truth to this. Clive is not putting together a biopic."

Oprah Winfrey admits to mistakes, end is nigh

Oprah Winfrey admits she's made some mistakes in the early days of her new TV network, OWN.

"Had I known that it was this difficult, I might have done something else," Winfrey says in an interview with the CBS Early Show. "I didn't think it was going to be easy, but if I knew then what I know now, I might have made different choices. If I were writing a book about it, I could call the book 101 Mistakes."



Oprah Winfrey

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LIFE

Travel in brief

Iceland chills on hotel rates

Hotel rates in Iceland have dropped 12 per cent since 2010, making the country's capital Reykjavik an "affordable European hot spot," says Travel and Leisure magazine. "Iceland's price points aren't at their rock-bottom 2008 levels, but they're still low," says the magazine. Icelandair resumed seasonal service from Canada on March 28, with four flights a week from Toronto to Reykjavik until November. Seasonal flights from Halifax resume June 7 with up to three flights weekly through October. The city is among several European destinations that Travel and Leisure deems "affordable" due to lower prices for hotels, meals or other expenses. The list includes Berlin, Krakow, Dublin, Budapest, Lisbon and economically hard-pressed Greece. European hotel chains that can save travellers money include Motel One in Germany and Austria, Grecotel Hotels & Resorts in Greece, Ibis across the continent, and Wyndham Hotels in France, Germany, Portugal and Spain, says the magazine.

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On the Web



Montreal's iron icons: winding outdoor staircases win contest of local landmarks

The traveller of today



The most important aspect of a vacation for our readers is the ability to 'do nothing and relax.'

Poll. In Metro's worldwide survey, we asked you what's important when on vacation and here's what we found out

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The environment

Who said you were a thoughtless, tech-crazed urbanite? Although your number one answer when asked about your travel attitudes was "vacations to me mean doing nothing and relaxing," a close number two was that you take actions to "reduce the environmental impact" of your travelling.

Here's an idea: Choose a holiday with a difference. Why not travel to Costa Rica where you can surf, eat cheap sushi and save sea turtles? If you're more of a passive environmentalist, reduce your

carbon footprint by making small changes like taking a train rather than a plane or staying in an eco resort and not a big chain hotel. For more ideas head to ecotourism.org.

The web

There's a reason why half the travel agents in your neighbourhood have closed. More than half of you decide on a destination after having looked it up on the Internet. From there, 81 per cent will go on to plan their itinerary online.

Here's an idea: By now, you probably know what travel site offers the best fares, but we're partial to bing.com — a site we generally ignore. Their Farecaster technology predicts if a flight's cost may go up or down in a coming month.

Special offers

Although 34 per cent of those polled planned their summer vacation up to three months in advance, for many it's a last-minute



Try logging on for deals. More than half of our readers decide on their destinations using the Internet.

decision based on what special offer is available at the time. Travel cost is a major issue (98 per cent considered it 'very important') but package deals allow you to leave with a set budget. Aside from the odd gift or splurge, you shouldn't spend more than planned.

Here's an idea: Sign up for daily email alerts from websites that sell discount



Cannes offers sun and fun.

deals such as Groupon or Living Social or Save My Day (brought to you by Metro). Offers include anything from a cruise in the Mediterranean to a wine tasting in South Africa — often with spaces to fill.

City and Sunshine

All it seems readers want (well, 63 per cent of them) is sunshine and access to a beach. This doesn't mean

they want to shut themselves off from the world on a desert island — 30 per cent can't bear to be away from the city for too long.

Here's an idea: Put two and two together and travel to a sunny city on the coast. Istanbul, Cannes, Barcelona or Los Angeles — these are all cosmopolitan cities blessed with sunny weather and beautiful beaches.

Top destination. Our readers pick Thailand

Europeans, Russians and Hong Kong-ians all chose that part of the world's bachelor party favourite as their number one destination for a beach holiday, with Egypt and Australia also ranking high. North Americans wouldn't travel that far: For sun and fun, (and maybe a bachelor party?) they head to Mexico or Brazil.



Thailand's pristine beaches lure readers in Europe.

Top airlines

Flying high

When choosing an airline in a foreign country, it's hard to know which are reputable and which will seat you next to a sheep and donkey. So we asked the locals. European readers had a three-way tie, with British Airways, Lufthansa and KLM scoring the highest votes, and Air France and SAS a close second. Meanwhile, Russians and Hong Kong folks gave a resounding vote to No. 1 Aeroflot, with Cathay Pacific No. 2. And in North America, Air Canada and American Airlines topped the list. In third: Jet Blue.

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Lufthansa scored some of the highest points with European readers.

Lynn Crawford makes Easter dinner easy for busy families

The Easter-long weekend is fast approaching and what does that mean?

Scavenger hunts, egg painting, bunny appearances, chocolate (too much chocolate) and of course, the big family dinner.

In keeping with the spirit of a holiday steeped in fun traditions, Inniskillin Wines and Chef Lynn Crawford created a long-weekend menu that packs just as much playfulness.

"This menu was important to me because Easter dinner has been a long-standing tradition in the Crawford family, and so has Easter brunch. I wanted to create something that was reminiscent of home. After all, that's what this weekend is all about — cooking, eating, and enjoying great company," says Crawford.

This ham pairs perfect with Riesling or Pinot Noir.

1. Preheat the oven to 300 F.
2. Put the ham in a large

roasting pan, skin side up. Using a sharp knife, score the ham with cuts across the skin, about 2-inches apart and 1/2-inch deep. Cut diagonally down the slashes to form a diamond pattern.

3. Season the ham generously with salt and pepper. Mix the herbs, mustard and oil to make a paste. Rub the herb mixture over the ham, being sure to get the flavour into all the slits. Bake the ham for 2 hours.

4. For the glaze, place a saucepan over medium heat. Add the chunks of butter, apples, shallots, garlic apple juice, brown sugar, water, and spices. Slowly cook the liquid down to a chunky, syrupy glaze, about 40 to 50 minutes.

5. Pour the apple mustard glaze over the ham and continue to cook for about 1 1/2 hours, basting with the juices every 30 minutes. Set the ham on a cutting board to rest before carving.

Ingredients

- 1 (8 to 10-pound) smoked ham, bone-in, skin on
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp thyme leaves, chopped
- 2 tbsp sage leaves, chopped
- 2 tbsp parsley, chopped
- 3 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, cut in chunks
- 3 Gala apples, cored and thinly sliced
- 3-4 shallots, peeled, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 cups apple cider
- 1/2 cup Inniskillin Riesling
- 1 cup honey
- 1 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 tsp whole cloves
- 2 cinnamon sticks

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Honey Mustard Ham with Apples & Inniskillin Riesling



This recipe serves eight to 10 people. PROVIDED

Drink of the week

Skyy Easter Bonnet

The SKYY Easter Bonnet is a refreshing blend of smooth SKYY Vodka, Campari, tropical guava puree, freshly squeezed lime juice and sweetened with a hint of simple syrup.

Top it with a flower and it's as pretty as your favourite Easter bonnet!

- 1 1/2 parts SKYY Vodka
- 1/2 part Campari
- 1 part Guava puree (nectar or juice can also be

substituted)

- 1/2 part freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1/2 part simple syrup

Pour ingredients in a shaker filled with ice. Shake and serve with a cocktail glass. **SKYY SPIRITS**



Pair your meal with Macaroni and Cheddar Casserole



This recipe serves four to six. PROVIDED

1. Heat your oven to 350° F. Lightly butter a two-quart

2. Melt 2 tablespoons of butter and toss with the bread crumbs, cheese and parsley.

3. To make the sauce, make a cut into the onion, about 1 inch deep, and slide the bay leaf into the slit. Stick the cloves into the onion. Put the milk and onions into a saucepot over medium heat.

4. Meanwhile in a separate pan, over low heat, melt the butter and then add the flour. Stir together and cook the roux without browning for about 3 minutes. Remove from heat.

5. When the milk is hot, pour some into the roux, stirring until the milk is thoroughly blended in. Return this to the remaining milk, and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring frequently.

6. Add the mustard and season with salt and pepper. Remove the onion, bay leaf and cloves. Add 2 cups of cheese and continue cooking, over low heat, stirring, until cheese is melted.

7. Cook the macaroni in a large pot of salted boiling

water. Drain well and add to the sauce. Add the parsley and mix together well. Transfer to the prepared baking dish and top with seasoned bread crumbs.

8. Sprinkle over the casserole and bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until browned and bubbly.

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Ingredients

For the topping

- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 cup Panko bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup Parmesan
- 2 tbsp parsley, chopped

- 5 cups elbow macaroni
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, peeled and cut in half
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 cloves
- 3 tbsp unsalted butter
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 1/2 cups Cheddar cheese, grated
- 2 cup smoked ham, cooked and diced
- 2 tbsp parsley, chopped
- Salt and pepper

Niagara Gold Cheese Potato Gratin. Spotlight on local ingredients



1. Heat oven to 400 F. Butter 8-inch square baking dish with 1 tbsp of butter.

2. Combine garlic, potatoes, remaining butter, thyme and bay leaf in large saucepan over medium-high heat and bring to boil.

3. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg and cook, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are just tender and mix has thickened, about 10 minutes.

4. Transfer mix to baking dish and sprinkle cheese over gratin and bake until golden

brown and bubble about 30-40 minutes. **LYNN CRAWFORD/ INNISKILLIN WINES**

Ingredients

- 5 tbsp unsalted butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 6 large red bliss potatoes, about 2.5 pounds, peeled and cut into 1/8" rounds
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 sprig thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- Pinch nutmeg
- 1 cup Niagara gold cheese, grated
- Salt and pepper

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@TalentEgg: Volunteer work, extracurricular, student groups and in-class work can all count as experience!

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Students have to demonstrate leadership through projects & volunteer work. #HireGenY

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Volunteer w/ nonprofits (shows initiative) or w/ Student Union (shows a drive to make a difference) #Leadership #HireGenY

@dizypuma:

Apply for extracurriculars first so that you have transferable skills (ex: sports, clubs, volunteering, etc.) #HireGenY



The million dollar idea. Student group making a difference, differently

Humanitarian organizations are well represented on university campuses, but Students Offering Support (SOS) says it has a different approach to “making a difference” — a model that has now proven to be a million-dollar idea.

“[SOS] is a unique use of entrepreneurial principles in the charitable giving sector,” says Greg Overholt, the organization’s founder and executive director.

The charity provides students with exam preparation sessions and resources for a small fee and then uses the

proceeds to fund access to education projects in Latin America, which SOS volunteers put in place. The structure of SOS “closes the loop,” says Overholt, “paying it forward in a way that supports education not just locally but globally.”

And paying it forward has paid off for this student-based organization. Seven years after its inception, SOS is predicted to raise its millionth dollar this year.

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Student Voice

Give a little, get a little

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The summer search for jobs is something all of us students are facing right now. It's April and most of us are getting squirmy for when the next big break is going to come.

As a public relations student and graduate, I have learned that opportunities are not just thrown at you; you need to search them out for yourself and be willing to jump quickly into a new venture.

After attending Carleton University for a Bachelor of Arts in mass communications, I went with leaps and bounds to Algonquin College for public relations. The combination of university taught me how to think while the practical, hands-on experience of the college setting is a push in the right direction toward a career.

At Algonquin, I also learned the value of volun-



Heather Mundle PROVIDED

teering and sharing your experience with others. I made volunteering my only job where I have tried out public relations, marketing work, event planning and social media work. It is so great to lend a helping hand, gain some valuable experience and meet some wonderful friends and mentors along the way.

I think that in the university setting there needs to be more of a focus on volunteering in the community. It is one of the best ways to learn more about your field of study in a real world setting instead of asking yourself, “Now what am I going to do with this degree?”

Volunteering allows you to test out an area of interest before you are ready to make the big leap from student to career.



Never underestimate the power that the word 'volunteer' can have on your resumé. ISTOCK

So you want to be a volunteer. Follow these steps to find a cause befitting to your career aspirations

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- Research the causes or issues that are important to you: Find or create an organization that focuses on issues you're passionate about.

- Consider the skills you have to offer: Share skills that you use all day at work or that you have gained from a hobby or other experiences. Organizations requiring volunteers usually offer some training, but excessive training is costly and defeats the

Questions

What to ask an organization you are interested in volunteering for:

- Will you have to sign a liability release form so that the organization is not liable for any accidents you might have? This is especially important if you will be driving.

- How many hours will you be expected to commit each week?

- How long will your training be?

- Is there a time commitment in terms of months?

- Will you need a police check?

purpose of hiring volunteers.

- Seek opportunities where you can learn something new: This can be exciting, rewarding, and good for career development.

- Combine your goals: Look for volunteer opportunities that will also help you

achieve your other goals for your life, whether personal or professional.

- Don't over-commit your schedule: Be up front about how many hours you can commit to the organization. You don't want to frustrate the organization or overwhelm yourself.

Applications and interviews are good things

You might be interviewed and expected to fill out an application, just like for a job. This is done to match you to tasks based on your skills and to ensure that you're committed.

It's probably a good thing that an organization does this, so don't let it scare you away. You are much more likely to find a meaningful volunteer position at an organization that puts time and planning into hiring their volunteers.

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Need a few more reasons to lend a hand?

I have a secret desire to be a music technician. Yeah, a sound engineer. The person who slides the faders up and down in the recording studio.

So now that I've graduated I figured I'd have nothing to lose if I signed up for an information session at my nearby college radio station. Exploring your pipe dream is one of many reasons to rethink volunteering.

Get some practice

If you can't get paid to do what you want, do it for free until you can find a paying job in your field. Most people who get

stuck in job search mode get really good at writing cover letters and interviewing, but once you're hired, you'll need to be ready with the skills your employer actually hired you for.

Learn a new skill

Another “three years experience wanted” and you'll be just about ready to jump off the nearest cliff, right? If you don't have the requisite experience for a job you want, volunteering is a great way to get your hands dirty and hone your skills.

Meet new people

Take care

It boils down to helping yourself — in more than one way — by helping someone else.

Caroline Yeung

Need I say more? When you're on the hunt for new prospects, the best thing you can do is expose yourself to new people in new situations. Job referrals often come from unexpected sources, so take the opportunity to chat up your superiors and fellow volunteers.

You never know when or where you'll meet that new business contact, friend or partner.

Take a break

Frustrated by the job search? Volunteering for a few hours each week gives you the chance to get away from the stress of job hunting. It boils down to helping yourself — in more than one way — by helping someone else.

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Golf

Injury forces Johnson out of Masters

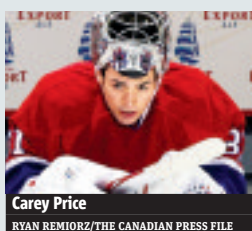
Dustin Johnson withdrew from this week's Masters on Tuesday because of a lingering back injury that he aggravated while lifting a jet ski last week, his agent said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL

Habs to examine Price's headaches

Montreal Canadiens goaltender Carey Price will be examined by a team doctor Wednesday to determine whether the headaches he is suffering are a sign of something more serious.

The Canadiens have not confirmed a report that



Carey Price
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Price has a concussion. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NFL

Saints' appeal to be heard on Thursday

Saints head coach Sean Payton, GM Mickey Loomis and assistant head coach Joe Vitt are set to have their appeals heard Thursday on punishments for their roles in New Orleans' bounty system.

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NHL



"Maybe they (NHL) need Hollywood in the playoffs."

Edmonton coach Tom Renney on why his Oilers didn't get calls in their favour in a 2-0 loss to Los Angeles on Monday. The NHL fined Renney \$10,000 US on Tuesday for the comments.

Ladd snipes overtime winner

NHL. Winnipeg wins 5-4, preventing the Florida Panthers from clinching a playoff spot

Andrew Ladd scored two goals, including the winner 3:12 into overtime, to give the Winnipeg Jets a 5-4 win over Florida that prevented the Panthers from clinching the Southeast Division title on Tuesday night.

Ladd's shot from the right circle hit the far post and went in.

The Panthers, who led 3-0, missed a chance to clinch the division and secure their first playoff berth since 2000, but they need only one point in their final two games to hold off Washington.

Florida could have earned a spot in the playoffs if Buffalo had lost in regulation, but the Sabres beat Toronto in overtime.

The Panthers will play at Washington on Thursday and then host Carolina in the regular-season finale on Saturday.

They had a chance to win it in regulation when

Stats sheet

- Bryan Little, Zach Bogosian and Evander Kane also scored for the Jets, and Ondrej Pavelec stopped 34 shots.

- Tomas Kopecky, Tomas Fleischmann, Kris Versteeg and Marco Sturm had goals for Florida, and Jose Theodore made 25 saves. Fleischmann and Versteeg both had an assist.

Fleischmann came down the ice on a breakaway, but Pavelec stopped his shot with 21 seconds left.

The Panthers tied it 4-4 with 3:53 left in regulation on a bad-angle shot from Kopecky that came from below the left circle.

Leading 2-0 in the second period, the Panthers quickly added to their margin just 25 seconds into it when Fleischmann scored.

It appeared the Panthers would then coast into the playoffs, but the already-eliminated Jets didn't give up.

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Florida Panthers fans react after Andrew Ladd scored the winning goal in overtime Tuesday in Sunrise, Fla.
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Champions League

Messi's pair leads Barcelona to semis

Lionel Messi swept holder Barcelona into the Champions League semifinals for the fifth successive year on Tuesday while becoming the competition's most prolific scorer in a single season.

The Argentina forward scored a pair of first-half penalty kicks and Andres Iniesta added another goal after the break to give Barcelona a 3-1 victory over AC Milan following a 0-0 draw in Italy.

Messi's 14th Champions League goal this season surpassed Ruud van Nistelrooy's tally in the 2002-03 campaign.

Bayern Munich joined fellow four-time champion Barcelona in the semifinals.

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Baseball. Blue Jays set their starting rotation

The Blue Jays demoted starting pitcher Brett Cecil to Double-A New Hampshire on the final day of spring training, and will begin the season with Kyle Drabek and Joel Carreno in the starting rotation.

Once projected to be the team's third starter, Cecil's final two starts of the spring were dreadful. He gave up 15 hits, 11 runs and six walks in a combined 6 2/3 innings of work.

On Monday against the Tigers he gave up seven consecutive hits in the second inning, including back-to-back homers to Prince Fielder and Delmon Young.

"With yesterday's outing it became increasingly clear that Brett needs a few more starts to gain the consistent command required to compete against lineups he's going to face at the major-league level," manager



Blue Jays starter Joel Carreno
JONATHAN FERRE/GETTY IMAGES

John Farrell said Tuesday.

Carreno, who made 11 relief appearances for the Jays last season, was recalled from Double-A, and Drabek, who has pitched well this spring, will stay up with the club.

To start the season, the Jays five-man rotation will be as follows: Ricky Romero, Brandon Morrow, Carreno, Henderson Alvarez and Drabek.

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Curling. Canada remains unbeaten as competition for world title heats up

Canada's Glenn Howard has won in blowout fashion and had a few close calls at the world men's curling championship.

He has come through every time and remains a favourite to play for his fourth world title this weekend in Basel, Switzerland.

Howard improved his record to 7-0 Tuesday, winning a 7-6 nail-biter over Switzerland before posting an 8-5 win over Denmark. Both opponents are playoff long shots but still gave Howard a stiff challenge ahead of upcoming games against powerhouses Sweden and Scotland.

Howard said the quality of opposition is so high at the competition that every game

By the numbers

74%

Glenn Howard shot just 74 per cent against the Swiss but teammates Wayne Middaugh, Brent Laing and Craig Savill each shot over 95 per cent.

is a test.

"When other teams play well, you can only do so much," he said. "Everybody keeps thinking you're supposed to blow people out. You can't—if the other team makes a lot of shots, that's the way it works."

"The bottom line is you just try to make one more than the next guy and get those wins."

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SPORTS

NCAA women's basketball

Baylor completes perfect season

Brittney Griner and Baylor left no doubt they're head and shoulders above any team in the country. In fact, they're perfect. Griner had 26 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks to lead Baylor to a dominating 80-61 victory over Notre Dame in the NCAA women's basketball championship on Tuesday night, capping a 40-0 season for the Lady Bears. They became the seventh women's team to run through a season unbeaten and the first in NCAA history to win 40 games. It was the second national championship for Baylor, which also won a title in 2005.

On the web



Long overlooked and underfunded, the renamed Miami Marlins had top billing Tuesday as they played their first game at brand new Marlins Park against the defending World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals to open the 2012 MLB regular season. Scan the code for the story.

Milbury apologizes for ripping Crosby

NHL. TV analyst should be fired, says Penguins star's agent

One day after a rant against Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby, hockey analyst Mike Milbury found himself under fire.

Crosby's agent rejected an apology from the former NHL coach and general manager, saying Milbury's comments on Crosby's concussions demanded action.

"Milbury went too far this time attacking the very sensitive issue of the concussion," Pat Brisson said Tuesday. "A simple apology isn't accepted in this case."

"The real way to treat this disease is by either suspending or firing Milbury. Plain and simple."

Milbury ripped Crosby on a Philadelphia radio station Monday, calling out the Pens captain for his role in a game-ending line brawl Sunday between the Penguins and Flyers.

He labelled Crosby "a punk" and "little goody two shoes" and also referred to "his 35th concussion."

A day later, he apologized via a one-paragraph statement.

"I reached out to (Pittsburgh president) David Morehouse and the Penguins about the comments I made yesterday on Philadelphia radio," Milbury said.

"In hindsight, I realize what I said was inappropriate and wrong, and I want to apologize to the Penguins organization



Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby is congratulated by teammates after scoring a goal in Boston on Tuesday evening. Crosby had two goals and an assist in the Penguins' 5-3 win over the Bruins. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"I really don't know where that came from. He's pretty good at twisting things around, that's for sure."

Sidney Crosby on Mike Milbury

and their fans."

Crosby said he's not sure what provoked Milbury's tirade. The 24-year-old former MVP has been limited to 19 games over the last 15 months due to concussions.

Milbury, who is an analyst on NBC and also appears on

CBC, took issue with Crosby's behaviour during the chaotic scene near the end of Sunday's game.

The fighting Sunday was touched off in part by Flyers forward Brayden Schenn's cross-checking Crosby in the back.

"So you know, Crosby gets

cross-checked, big whoop," Milbury told the radio station. "He said after he came back from his 35th concussion, 'I'm not going to do this anymore, I'm not going to get into this scrums, I'm going to stay away from that stuff.' He couldn't help himself because there's a little punk in Crosby."

"He's not the perfect gentleman. He's not the sweet kid you see in interviews with his hat pulled down over his eyes. I'd say screw him, hit him."

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NFL puts on fashion show

The new Seattle Seahawks uniform, foreground, Pittsburgh Steelers, rear right, and Cincinnati Bengals, rear left, are displayed on mannequins during a presentation in New York, Tuesday. Nike is a new NFL partner, taking over uniform and gear design from Reebok.

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NHL

Rangers lock up No.1 seed in East with win in Philly

Ryan Callahan and Artem Anisimov scored as part of a four-goal first period, and the New York Rangers clinched the top seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs for the first time

since 1994 with a 5-3 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

The Rangers are tops in the East for the first time since Mark Messier led them to their last Stanley Cup championship 18 years ago. The Rangers, who lead the overall NHL standings with 109 points, are assured of home-ice advantage until at least the Stanley Cup finals.

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Kentucky forward Anthony Davis celebrates as he cuts the net after the NCAA college basketball tournament championship game Monday in New Orleans. DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky's Big Blue season: Wildcats' title a slam dunk

The running joke all season was that Kentucky was good enough to beat some NBA teams. Say, maybe the Toronto Raptors.

Farfetched? Probably. But with that stable of pros-in-waiting, one thing seemed certain: The Wildcats were the team to beat in college basketball.

Capping a season that had a feeling of inevitability, Kentucky finished with a flourish, beating Kansas 67-59 in the NCAA championship game Monday night.

OK, so maybe it was the last time we'll see many of those future millionaires in blue and white. At least they'll

Man shot after game

- Police say doctors amputated the foot of a man who was shot in the leg during raucous celebrations in Lexington of Kentucky's NCAA basketball championship.
- He was shot around 2 a.m. as Kentucky fans were celebrating in the streets. No arrests have been made in the shooting.

go out as heroes after bringing home an eighth national championship to Big Blue and

giving John Calipari the one missing piece to his resume.

"We were the best team," Calipari said. "I wanted this to be one for the ages."

Calipari has had a knack for luring the nation's best recruits to Lexington, never worrying about whether they'd stick around.

This year's bouncy-legged bunch was impressive even by his standards.

Led by everybody's player of the year Anthony Davis, these fast-tracked Wildcats raced past nearly everyone who got in their way.

Davis, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, Doron Lamb, Darius Miller, Terrence Jones, Mar-

quis Teague — Coach Cal had a team of ringers and he, along with everyone else, knew it.

Davis may be gone. So could several other players in just a couple of weeks. With five potential first-round picks, the NBA may be too enticing for this team to stay together.

That's OK with Calipari. He's hung his hat on chasing after the best players, regardless of whether they'll stick around or go to the NBA. Teach them as much as he can, win with them as much as he can, let them go when they're ready is Calipari's philosophy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Dual exhausts on a family car. Beautiful. JUSTIN PRITCHARD/FOR METRO

A muscle sedan in disguise

Review.

2012 Nissan Maxima

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There's an interesting sticker on the rear side window of the Nissan Maxima that says "Four Door Sports Car." Interesting, if nothing else — as 'real' sports cars usually have two doors, weigh less than 3,600 pounds and can't accommodate a family of four or five.

At first, things look more stately and restrained than sporty.

Maxima has no spoiler. There's no hood scoop. It's not low to the ground, and it doesn't even have a loud exhaust. It's also front-wheel drive — where most of the world's highest-performing sports cars aren't.

And the tester was painted brown. I've never seen a brown sports car before and you probably haven't either.

There's some sleeper sportiness though — you've just got to look a little. High-performance xenon lighting, brake ducts, dual exhausts and big wheels were on board. Sporty touches inside include push-button engine start, paddle shifters and a 260 km/h speedometer.

Thanks to an award-winning V6 powerplant, that speedometer gets moving in a jiffy when drivers request it. Under Maxima's hood is a 3.5-litre V6 from Nissan's highly acclaimed VQ engine lineup. It puts 290 horsepower on tap — and is noted for its refinement, pleasing sound, linear, high-revving power curve and overall pleasantness.

Plenty of power. Lots in fact — heck, Maxima will even torque-steer from highway speeds during full-throttle passing. The engine is smooth, eager and lovely sounding in the process.

Nissan's xTronic Continuously Variable Transmission or CVT with shift paddles is the only transmission avail-

Specs

- **Engine.** 3.5-L DOHC V6, 290 horsepower.
- **Drivetrain.** Front-wheel drive.
- **Observed Average Mileage.** 11 L / 100 km.
- **Price as Tested.** \$40,680.

able.

With no actual 'stepped' gears to shift, it transmits power on a smooth and uninterrupted wave. Think snowmobile — if you've ever driven one. This type of transmission isn't a favourite among enthusiasts, but Nissan's done a great job of making it feel like a normal automatic, using the CVT technology to enhance responsiveness, and employing a lightning-fast 'simulated' manual shift mode that's fun to use.

Planted, stable and confident handling and a light, quick steering help round out the entertainment fac-



A front view of the Maxima. JUSTIN PRITCHARD/FOR METRO

tor. And despite its size and weight, Maxima feels locked down onto the road in fast bends — meaning the whole chassis invites exploration of its limits once you've dropped off the kids. Powerful brakes, too.

As big family sedans go, this one's rewarding to drive either gently or hard.

Complaints? Wind and

road noise were more intrusive at speed than expected. And come on, Nissan: some of us can still drive a manual transmission.

End of the day, Maxima's big draw will be a blend of family-friendly operation and a generous helping of performance served up by its powertrain and handling. Pricing from about \$38,000.

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DRIVE

Automotive marvel

Flying car gets closer to reality

Flying cars aren't just science fiction anymore. Woburn, Mass.-based Terrafugia Inc. said Monday that its prototype flying car has completed its first flight, bringing the company closer to its goal of selling the flying car within the next year. The vehicle — dubbed the Transition — has two seats, four wheels and wings that fold up so it can be driven like a car. Last month, it flew at 1,400 feet for eight minutes. Commercial jets fly at 35,000 feet. Around 100 people have already put down a \$10,000 deposit to get a Transition when they go on sale, and those numbers will likely rise after Terrafugia introduces the Transition to the public this week at the New York Auto Show. But don't expect it to show up in too many driveways. It's expected to cost \$279,000.

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On the Web



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When metal gets compressed, priorities change very quickly

Autopilot



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I'm not the first person to be driving along in perfect safety and serenity to be suddenly broadsided by another vehicle, and vaulted into that country called accident-land.

So many of you know what that feels like.

One moment you're driving along listening to Anne Murray or Black Sabbath, and the next there's a huge BANG. Instead of ending up where you planned, your day suddenly shifts to one populated by police, ambulance attendants, mangled machinery, tow trucks, witnesses and rental cars. A lot of cell phoning. A lot of standing around by the side of the road.

And a lot of going over the accident in your head.

Since it happened, a few months ago, I must have replayed that tape hundreds of times. I can't remember what socks I put on this morning, but every detail of those few moments before and after impact are available to me anytime I want in full HD. And I'm always surprised at how much information I was able to take in during those brief moments, like the metal got compressed, and so did time.

The tape goes something like this... A vehicle suddenly appears in my left periphery... What the?... That car shouldn't be there... What's going on?... Slam on the brakes... BANG... Diane screaming... The Mazda 626 deflected into the ditch... Can't believe we're not in pain...

We were shaken, but not internally stirred.

Moments earlier we were going dead straight on a light-



Thankfully, nobody was seriously injured. CONTRIBUTED

ly populated two-lane in the country, mid-morning in bright sunlight, en route to Ontario's Blue Mountain ski resort, to meet up with our friends Dave and Olga.

The car that hit us, had just turned left into our path, from a stop sign, intending to travel the same direction as us. That car's right front fender contacted our left front fender.

After making sure we weren't leaking, I ran out to yell at the other driver. I had to wait a bit. His car was veering erratically into a field, about 100 metres away from us. As soon as his car stopped, he scrambled out and ran up to us in the snow to see if we were all right. I was yelling at him most of the way.

A young guy. Said he didn't see us.

In retrospect, I should have asked if he was all right before

Quote

"When push comes to shove, as it does in vehicle accidents, you are once again made aware of how far down the priority list are vehicles from the thing at the very top of the priority list — people."

yelling at him. That's one of the things I would do differently if I had to do it over again, which I won't. It's booked in that line of time nobody gets to change.

A lot of friendly folk stopped to help. Everybody on the scene, including police and ambulance attendants, couldn't have been more helpful or concerned. When push

comes to shove, as it does in vehicle accidents, you are once again made aware of how far down the priority list are vehicles from the thing at the very top of the priority list — people.

The policeman on the scene said we were lucky. If we struck a bit earlier, we would have taken the blow by the driver's door. If we struck a bit later, we would have run into the back of him. There was a lot of meaty metal where we got together, and each car could deflect a lot of the energy by heading off in various, non-conflicting directions.

Our car was totalled. For someone who just lost a really decent car that I liked a lot, and would be really hard to replace at its going rate, I felt pretty good. Everyone, including me, was walking around, alive. Being alive is good.

Driving Force. Timing belt? Timing chain? You need to know!

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Two birds, one stone

- During timing belt replacement, you may be asked about replacing the water pump, too. You're not being ripped off. Water pumps wear out also, and since it has to be removed to reach the belt and you're already paying for that labour, it's relatively cheaper to get it all done at once.

Your car's engine contains hundreds of moving parts, all of which must be synchronized to run properly. That includes the valves, which use either a timing chain or timing belt — and it's important to know which one your engine uses.

While a chain is virtually maintenance-free, a timing belt should be changed at a predetermined mileage as a preventative measure.

Engines contain pistons that move up and down, turning a crankshaft to produce a spinning motion that eventually turns the wheels. The pistons are powered by gasoline.

The fuel comes in and the exhaust escapes through valves, which open and close via contact with a camshaft. The timing chain/belt runs between the crankshaft and camshaft, turning the camshaft at exactly the right speed. It's hidden behind a cover; the rubber belt you see when you open the hood is not the timing belt.

Whether it's a belt or chain depends on the model and the manufacturer.

"We don't use timing belts anymore," says Rob Murdoch, national manager of technical services for Mazda Canada.

"There's a shift (in the industry) from belts to chains because they tend to last longer."

Timing belts, which are made from rubber and fibre, became popular because they are quieter and weigh less than metal chains — important as automakers shave grams off components for improved fuel

economy. But they do eventually wear out and can break. If this happens, the engine won't run.

On some higher-compression engines, the valves and pistons have such tight tolerances that a broken belt could result in the parts crashing together, creating serious engine damage.

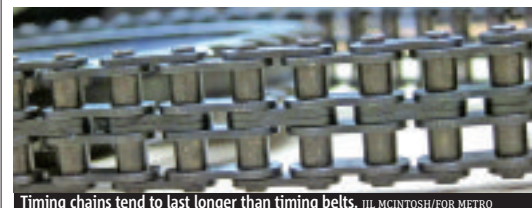
These so-called "interference" engines are also becoming more common as automakers work to improve efficiency, but they're now more likely to use a chain.

"That's another reason why manufacturers are shifting from belts to chains," Murdoch says. "Consumers have concerns about the cost of maintenance."

Depending on the vehicle, the recommended time to change a timing belt is anywhere from about 90,000 to 150,000 km — before it breaks.

It can be a pricey repair on many models, since it's hard to access and requires a lot of time.

If you're not sure what type your car has, ask the dealership, or look in the maintenance section of the owner's manual to see if it's mentioned.



Timing chains tend to last longer than timing belts. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

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Crossword

Across

- 1 Matlock's field
4 Goody-goody
8 Put together
12 Eggs
13 Top-rated
14 Pressing need
15 Football-game start
17 Opening day?
18 Tell
19 Father's Day gift
21 Nursery item
22 This way
26 Broadway backer
29 Pub order
30 Right-turn command
31 Upper House member
32 White House monogram
33 Verve
34 History chapter
35 Black-and-white seabird
36 Put forth
37 Decorate with raised work
39 Rock-concert need
40 Likely
41 Nap
45 Tarzan's clique
48 Kisser enhancement
50 Sandwich shop
51 Always
52 Cheerleader's cry
53 Thousand —, Calif.
54 Unit of force

Down

- 1 Sites
2 Shakespeare's river
3 Child of the streets
4 Beat
5 Spacious
6 Officeholders
7 "Whole exceeds sum of parts" theory
8 Countertop appliance
9 Branch
10 — good deed
11 Type measures
16 Famous
20 Bar supply
23 Eye amorously
24 Burn somewhat
25 Faxed
26 Sheltered
27 "Cheers" habitué
28 Snatch
29 Mail invitations
32 Sped
33 Vote off the island
35 Cleo's slayer
36 Political mover?
38 Refuge
39 Skiers' mecca
42 Do mailroom work
43 Autocrat
44 Wan

- 45 Big bother
46 Split — soup
47 Wapiti
49 Wall climber



Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another.
Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

PT GSN TYFRPTNKEG JKDYA
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GSN JSNKC JYKK RPYR
XSSC YNIYK PGXFDAD
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER SOME BLACK
INK WAS FOUND TO BE GUILTY OF A CRIME,
THEY WOUND UP PUTTING IT IN THE PEN.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals U

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

You are never afraid to take risks but the approaching full moon warns they must now be calculated risks, or you might just come off second best.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Why are you contemplating an extreme solution for a problem that is really quite simple?

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

With your ruler Mercury moving in your favour again you should be focusing on realities. They can be as enjoyable as fantasies.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

This is not a good day to believe you can do six impossible things before breakfast. You need to know your limits.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

In the greater scheme of things, there is no such thing as "good" or "bad" events. It all depends on how you look at them.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Use your eyes and ears today, and make sure you know what is actually going on in your world, rather than what other people tell you is going on.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

What you say today may not be greeted with universal acclaim but that does not matter.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Raise your sights and make sure you can see the bigger picture. You'll recognize the significance soon.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 -

Dec. 21. Take your mind off your troubles today by getting involved in a new creative activity.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan

20. Take time out for your own needs today and don't feel guilty if friends and family complain that you are being unsociable.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

Someone will say something upsetting but you must not respond in kind. Just smile sweetly.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Mercury, planet of the mind, turns direct in your sign today and you will notice that your problems no longer seem such a big deal.

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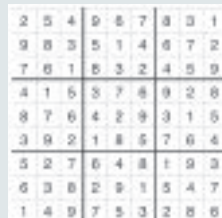
Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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